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PLANNING GROUP ON 1975 BUDGET FOR NATO MILITARY

HEADQUARTERS, AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

REF: A. USNATO 6869

B. MC 233(MILITARY DECISION)

BEGIN SUMMARY. NAC/DPC WILL CONSIDER MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (REF A) AND 1975 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS WEEK OF 16 DEC 74. INITIAL COUCNIL ACTION WILL BE LIMITED TO AUTHORIZATION OF BUDGETS TOTALLING BF 4,000 MILLION OF MBC ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT OF BF 5,900 MILLION. NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS NOT RPT NOT APPROVED BUDGETS FROM MILITARY POINT OF VIEW. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, MISSION INTENDS TO NOTE MBC REPORT AND APPROVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. END SUMMARY.

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1. MBC REPORT (REF A) DETAILS EVOLUTION OF 1975 GUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. CRITICAL PROBLEM HAS BEEN AND REMAINS THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MET TOTAL MILITARY REQUIREMENT AT SAME LEVEL OF EFFORT AS IN 1974 IN LIGHT OF IMPACT OF WAGE/PIRICE

INCREASES AND ENERGY CRISIS, PLUS SACEUR REQUIREMENT FOR ACE MOBILE FORCE EXERCISES. WITHOUT CITING AMOUNT AS A CEILING OR A LIMITATION ON THEIR NATO COMMITMENTS, SOME COUNTRIES, NOTABLY UK, WISH TO SET THE REQUIREMENT FOR PLANNING AT BF 5,900 MILLION.

2. NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL (REF B) STRESSES URGENCY OF ADEQUATE FUNDING AND PROVIDES MILITARY PERSPECTIVE OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SETTING CEILING AT INADEQUATE LEVEL. MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS NOT ENDORSED MBC BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT MC IS LIKELY TO LIMIT INTERVENTION TO REPORT ALREADY FORWARDED TO COUNCIL. MBC ASSESSMENT OF MC REPORT IS CONTAINED IN PARA 9 OF MBC REPORT.

3. LAST MINUTE ACTIONS BY MBC (REPORTED TO COUNCIL IN PARAS 6 AND 10) EFFECTIVELY LIMIT BUDGETS TO BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME TO BF 4,000 MILLION. MBC WILL REPORT EARLY WARNING / NADGE RECOMMENDATIONS TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT BF 1,200 MILLION TO COUNCIL IN JANUARY. MBC WILL ACT ON SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS TO ADJUST PRICE LEVELS (EXCEPT WAGES) TO 31 DEC 74 LEVELS, ESTIMATED AT BF 200 MILLION, IN JANUARY. MBC WILL ACT ON ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT BF 500 MILLION TO 1000 MILLION DURING COURSE OF YEAR. A MAJOR ITEM OF THE DIFFERENCE IS VARYING VIEWS OF THE ACE EXERCISE REQUIREMENT FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL BF 200 MILLION.

4. MISSION VIEW IS THAT NO PURPOSE IS SERVED BY EXTENDED ARGUMENT OVER CEILING OR MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORT. WE INTEND, THEREFORE, IN ABSENCE OF CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS, TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF CEILING AND MC 233 AND APPROVE BUDGETS AS RECOMMENDED. BRUCE

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